

REMARKS

The present response is submitted in reply to the Office Action issued on May 5, 2008. Claims 1-8, 10 and 11 are pending in this application. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for determining that the application is in condition for allowance, except for the issue set forth in the present Office action. By the present response, claim 7 has been amended accordingly. Claim 8 has also been amended solely for purposes of clarification. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Objection of claim 7 under 37 CFR 1.75(c)

Claim 7 has been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. In particular, the Examiner states that claim 7 is improperly dependent on claim 1 as claim 1 makes no provision for a salt in the first place. Therefore, the Examiner asks that claim 7 be cancelled, be amended so as to be placed into proper dependant form or else be amended so as to be placed into proper independent form. In accordance with the Examiner's request, claim 7 has been amended so that claim 7 is placed into proper independent form. In particular, claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1 with the matter of claim 7.

In view of the aforementioned amendment to claim 7, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

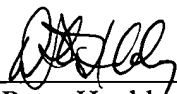
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing claims and arguments, it is believed that the present

application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any remaining issues to be discussed which could expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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